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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON AMBASSADOR'S INTERVIEW WITH  
NEW YORK TIMES ON ANTI-U.S. ATTITUDES

1. FOLLOWING Q'S AND A'S ON AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS ON ANTI-U.S. ATTITUDES WHICH APPEARED IN APRIL 25 NEW YORK TIMES WERE PREPARED FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AT APRIL 25 NOON BRIEFING. SUBJECT DID NOT COME UP AT BRIEFING BUT GUIDANCE WAS LATER PROVIDED TO WARREN UNNA OF STATESMAN AND ALSO TO AP.

2. QUESTION; WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE SAXBE INTERVIEW?

ANSWER: WE HAVE SEEN THE REPORT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S INTERVIEW WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES AND WE TOO HAVE BEEN CONCERNED BY CRITICISM OF THE U.S. BY INDIAN LEADERS IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS. INDEED, WE HAVE ASKED AMBASSADOR SAXBE TO  
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EXPRESS OUR DISPLEASURE TO THE INDIANS REGARDING THIS CRITICISM. RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS THERE ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE MORE MATURE RELATIONSHIP THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS SEEK.

3. QUESTION: DIDN'T YOU TRIGGER THIS BY LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO?

ANSWER: IF YOU GO BACK TO WHAT WE'VE SAID ON OUR END-ING THE EMBARGO, SUCH A CONCLUSION WOULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED. SINCE THE EMBARGO WAS LIFTED, WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REQUESTS FROM PAKISTAN FOR SALES FROM THE U.S. THEY HAVE ALSO SAID PUBLICLY THEY ARE INTERESTED IN DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE NOTED REPORTS THAT THE INDIANS AND SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER GRECHKO DISCUSSED SUBSTANTIAL NEW ARMS ARRANGEMENTS DURING HIS LATE FEBRUARY VISIT TO INDIA.

4. QUESTION: WELL, AREN'T INDO-CHINA DEVELOPMENTS PART OF THE PROBLEM?

ANSWER: THE POINT WE'RE TRYING TO GET ACROSS IS THAT PUBLIC CRITICISMS ARE NOT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE RELATIONSHIP WE WANT. IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WOULD AIR OUR DIFFERENCES IN PRIVATE.

5. QUESTION: DOES THIS MEAN THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S TRIP IS OFF?

ANSWER: AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, NO DATES HAVE BEEN SET.

6. QUESTION: BUT IS THE PRESIDENT STILL PLANNING TO GO IN PRINCIPLE?

ANSWER: AS I HAVE JUST REPEATED, NO DATES HAVE BEEN SET. THAT'S ALL I HAVE FOR YOU AT THE MOMENT. KISSINGER

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